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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors: **BRANDER, et al.**

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For: **ENHANCED MATCHING
APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR POST-TRADE
PROCESSING AND
SETTLEMENT OF
SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

Group Art Unit: 2765

Examiner: **Romain Jeanty**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

SIR:

This amendment is submitted in response to the February 10, 1999 Office Action. Please amend this application as shown below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 9, 12, 13, 15, 21, 22, 29, and 31 as shown below:

- SLUG A*
1. (Amended) A system for [facilitating] settlement of a securities trade by obtaining agreement as to the details of the trade among a broker, institution, agent and interested parties comprising:

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